Stage 215. Long-awaited Opponent
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A NEW PLAYER ENTERS THE FIERCE FIGHT WITHIN THE CENTRAL HALL-!!
VOLUME 34 WILL BE ON SALE IN AUGUST!!
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IT'S NOT OVER YET!!
SCANLATED BY
ONE MAN ARMY SCANS
PROOFREADER: OMAS
TRANSLATOR: OMAS
CLEANER: OMAS
TYPESETTER: OMAS
TO THINK HE MANAGED TO HIT THE END OF THE SPEAR SO PRECISELY... IS HE BREAKING THROUGH DARK CLOUD'S DEFENSE?!
Tof
BUT IN THE END, IT SEEMS YOU WERE A LITTLE SHORT...!

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO FEEL SAFE!!
HM?!
ANOTHER SHIELD?!
MUOOOO-!!

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COUGH...!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... PIERCING THROUGH THAT MONSTER'S GUARD...
AND MANAGING TO HIT THE END OF THE SPEAR WITH PINPOINT ACCURACY...!
CRUNADE, YOUR SKILL ISN'T TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
I WAS JUST LUCKY.
I SUPPOSE LUCK IS ALSO AN ELEMENT... IN A BATTLE.
MUOOO~
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I HAVE UNDERESTIMATED YOU... ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR LOOKING DOWN ON YOU.
CRUNAGE, THIS IS YOUR VICTORY!
HOWEVER, IT WOULD TRULY BE A PITY TO DROP OUT LIKE THIS...
I STILL HAVE BUSINESS WITH THIS AUCTION, YOU SEE...
YOU COWARD! ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!

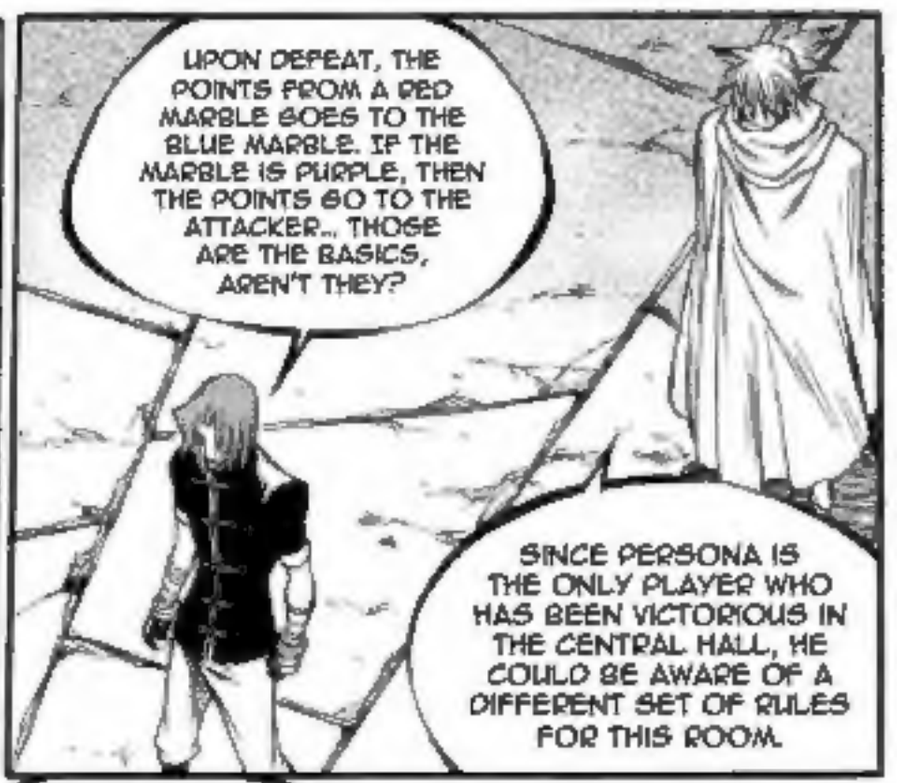
I'D LIKE TO REFER TO IT AS A STRATEGIC RETREAT.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?! YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU GET AWAY?!
IT'S NO USE, ADOL!!

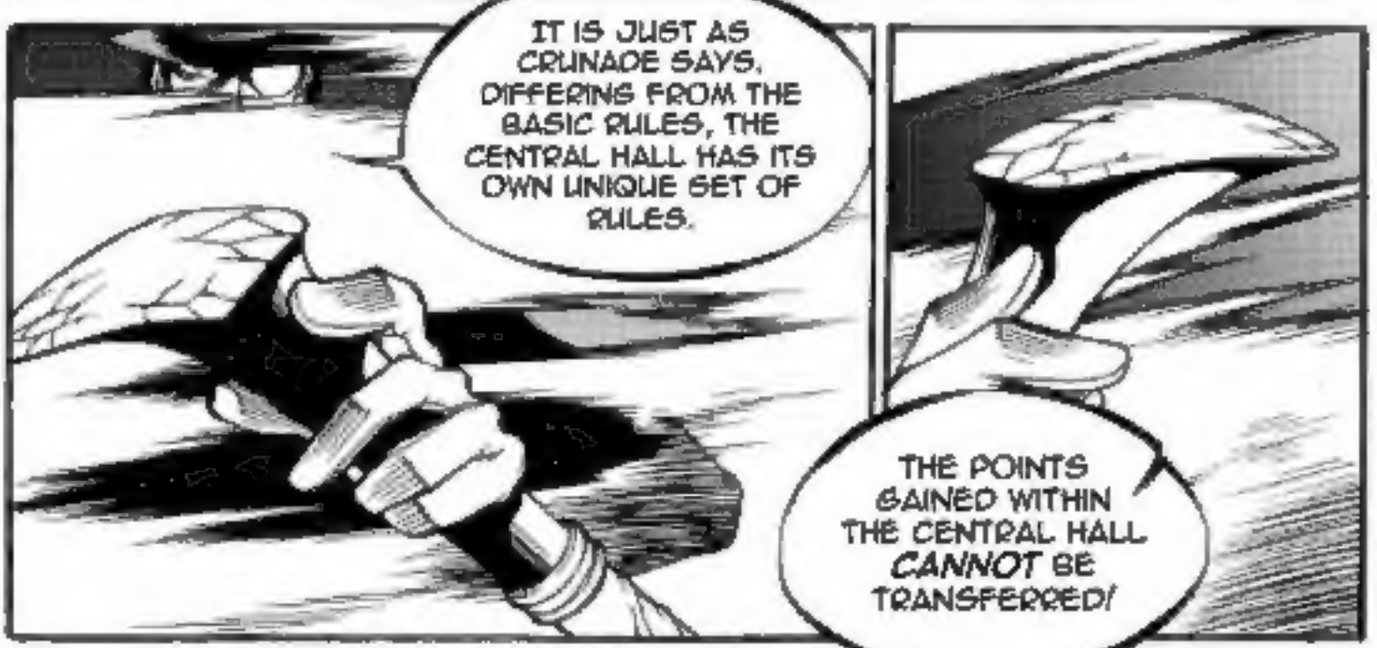
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S NO USE? YOU THINK I CAN'T CATCH SOMEONE WHO'S MORTALLY WOUNDED...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CAPTURE PERSONA ONCE HE SETS HIS MIND TO RETREAT!

THE ONLY REASON PERSONA STEPPED OUT OF THE FOG AND REVEALED HIMSELF WAS IN ORDER TO ATTACK US!
HOWEVER, IF HE HIDES HIS FIGURE AGAIN, WE HAVE NO MEANS TO CHASE AFTER HIM.
CHE- IT PISSES ME OFF, BUT IT'S JUST AS CRU SAYS!

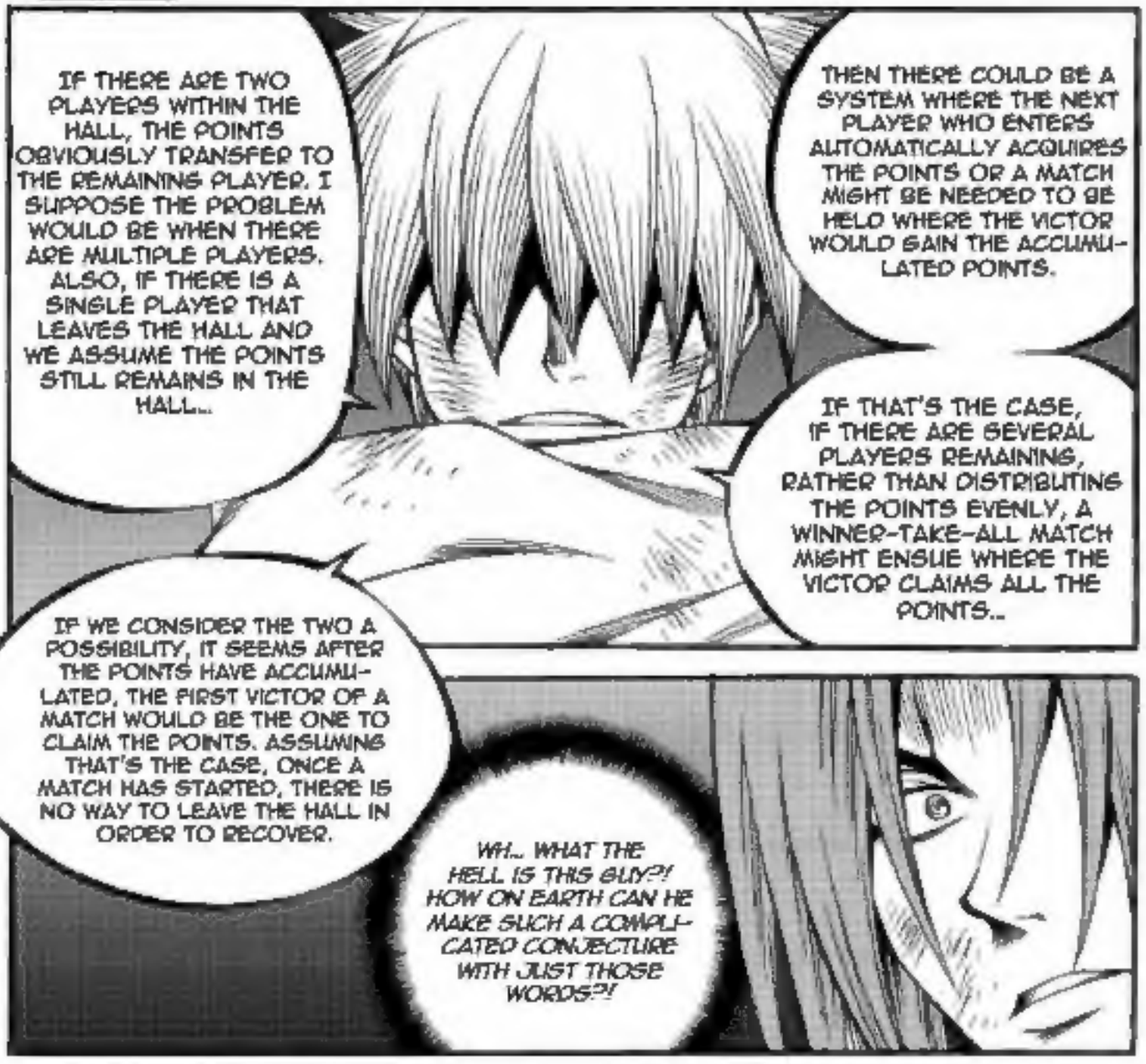
I ALSO FEEL THAT THIS IS A GREAT PITY. ALTHOUGH IT ISN'T MUCH...
JUST AS I PROMISED IN THE VERY BEGINNING, I SHALL GIVE YOU A SUITABLE REWARD.

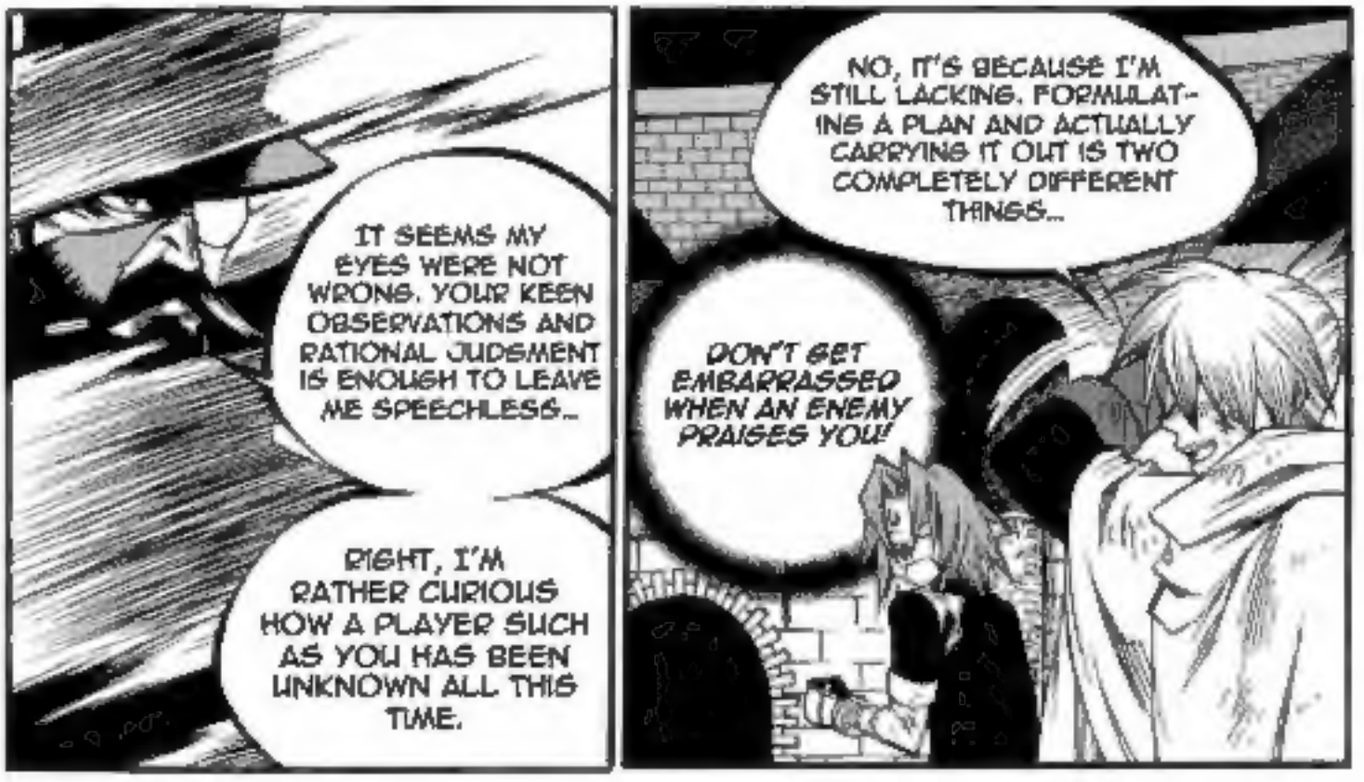
I PRESUME YOU TWO ARE UNAWARE HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED WITHIN THE CENTRAL HALL.
I SHALL THROW IN THIS INFORMATION AS A REWARD.

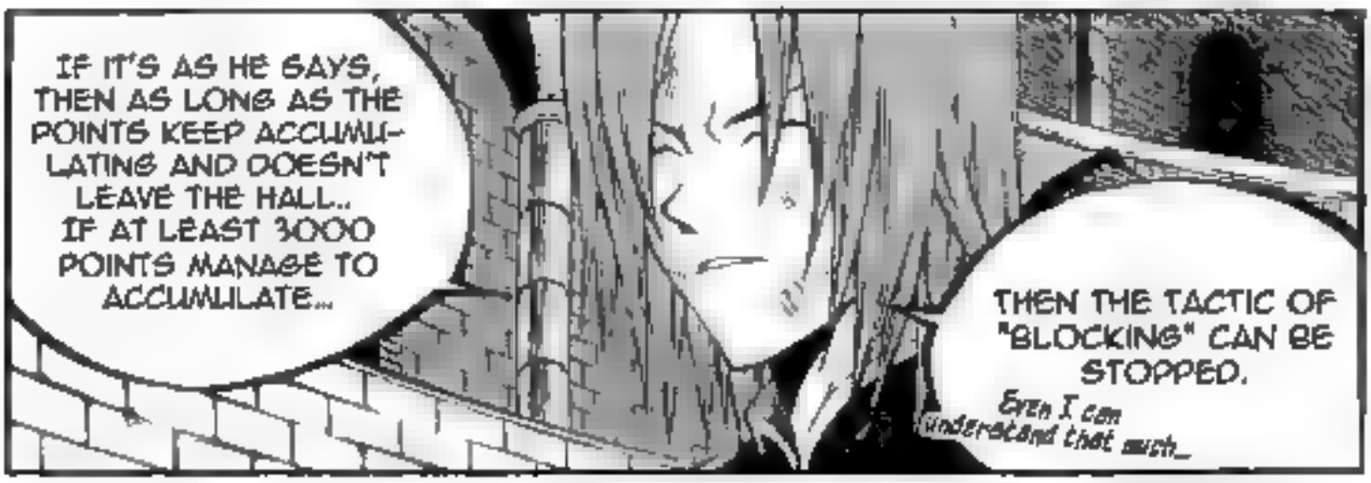

UPON DEFEAT, THE POINTS FROM A RED MARBLE GOES TO THE BLUE MARBLE. IF THE MARBLE IS PURPLE, THEN THE POINTS GO TO THE ATTACKER... THOSE ARE THE BASICS, AREN'T THEY?
SINCE PERSONA IS THE ONLY PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN VICTORIOUS IN THE CENTRAL HALL, HE COULD BE AWARE OF A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES FOR THIS ROOM.

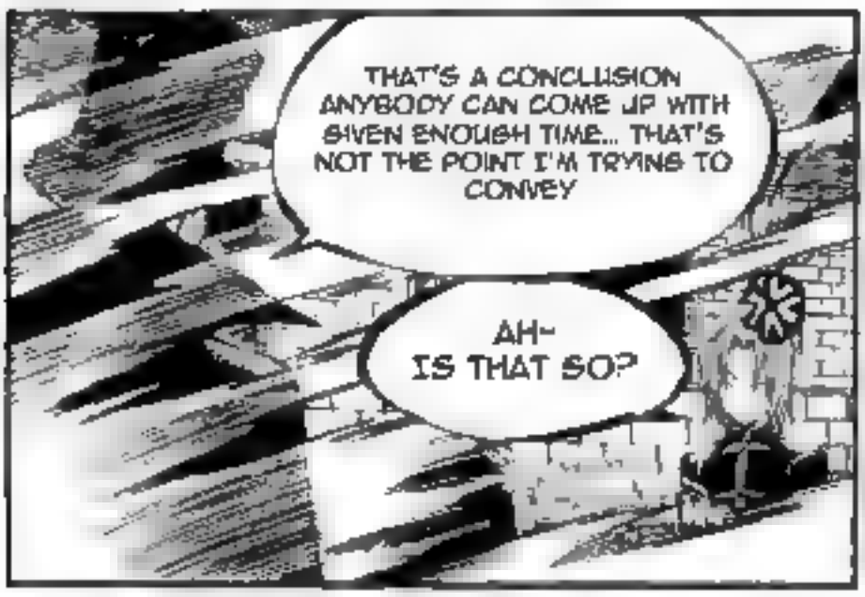

IT IS JUST AS CRUNADE SAYS. DIFFERING FROM THE BASIC RULES, THE CENTRAL HALL HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE SET OF RULES.
THE POINTS GAINED WITHIN THE CENTRAL HALL *CANNOT* BE TRANSFERRED!

SO WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING IT'S POSSIBLE TO GAIN POINTS FROM A RED MARBLE?
CORRECT... ONLY WITHIN THE CENTRAL HALL, THAT IS...
'ONLY'...
I SEE... SO IT'S LIKE THAT!
HUHUHUHU...
DON'T TELL ME... YOU UNDERSTOOO WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SAY WITH JUST THAT?
ALTHOUGH THIS IS MERE CONJECTURE...
BASICALLY, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE POINTS ACCUMULATED WITHIN THE HALL CAN'T BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE HALL? FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE THE HALL, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND ALL THE ACCUMULATED POINTS WITHIN THE HALL...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE OTHERS WANT TO FIGHT OR NOT, IF THE PLAYER FORFEITS, THE POINTS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE REMAINING PLAYERS.

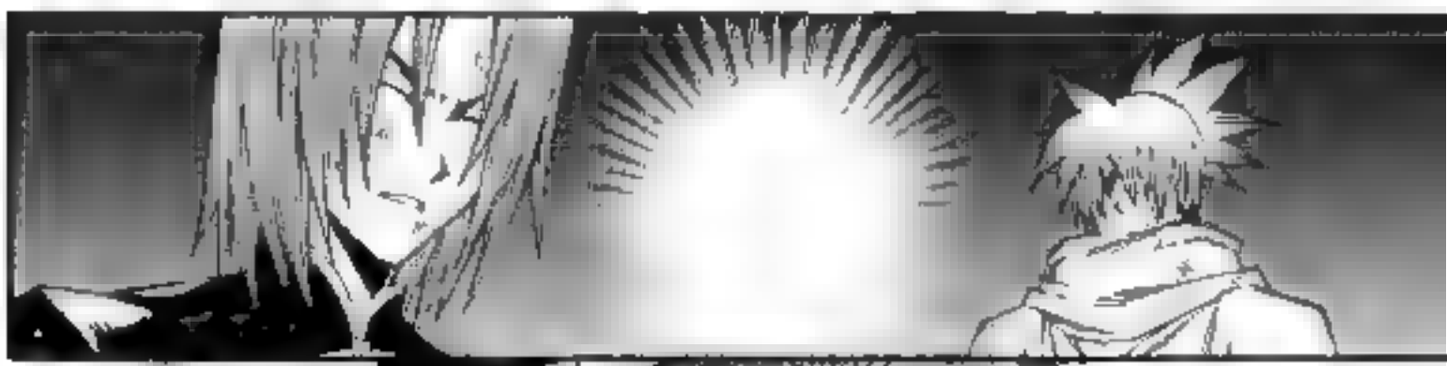

IF THERE ARE TWO PLAYERS WITHIN THE HALL, THE POINTS OBVIOUSLY TRANSFER TO THE REMAINING PLAYER. I SUPPOSE THE PROBLEM WOULD BE WHEN THERE ARE MULTIPLE PLAYERS. ALSO, IF THERE IS A SINGLE PLAYER THAT LEAVES THE HALL AND WE ASSUME THE POINTS STILL REMAINS IN THE HALL...
THEN THERE COULD BE A SYSTEM WHERE THE NEXT PLAYER WHO ENTERS AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRES THE POINTS OR A MATCH MIGHT BE NEEDED TO BE HELD WHERE THE VICTOR WOULD GAIN THE ACCUMULATED POINTS.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF THERE ARE SEVERAL PLAYERS REMAINING, RATHER THAN DISTRIBUTING THE POINTS EVENLY, A WINNER-TAKE-ALL MATCH MIGHT ENSUE WHERE THE VICTOR CLAIMS ALL THE POINTS...
IF WE CONSIDER THE TWO A POSSIBILITY, IT SEEMS AFTER THE POINTS HAVE ACCUMULATED, THE FIRST VICTOR OF A MATCH WOULD BE THE ONE TO CLAIM THE POINTS. ASSUMING THAT'S THE CASE, ONCE A MATCH HAS STARTED, THERE IS NO WAY TO LEAVE THE HALL IN ORDER TO RECOVER.
WH... WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY?! HOW ON EARTH CAN HE MAKE SUCH A COMPLICATED CONJECTURE WITH JUST THOSE WORDS?!


IT SEEMS MY EYES WERE NOT WRONG. YOUR KEEN OBSERVATIONS AND RATIONAL JUDGMENT IS ENOUGH TO LEAVE ME SPEECHLESS...
RIGHT, I'M RATHER CURIOUS HOW A PLAYER SUCH AS YOU HAS BEEN UNKNOWN ALL THIS TIME.
NO, IT'S BECAUSE I'M STILL LACKING. FORMULATING A PLAN AND ACTUALLY CARRYING IT OUT IS TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS...
DON'T GET EMBARRASSED WHEN AN ENEMY PRAISES YOU!


IF IT'S AS HE SAYS, THEN AS LONG AS THE POINTS KEEP ACCUMULATING AND DOESN'T LEAVE THE HALL.. IF AT LEAST 3000 POINTS MANAGE TO ACCUMULATE...
THEN THE TACTIC OF "BLOCKING" CAN BE STOPPED.
Even I can understand that much_


THAT'S A CONCLUSION ANYBODY CAN COME UP WITH GIVEN ENOUGH TIME... THAT'S NOT THE POINT I'M TRYING TO CONVEY
AH~ IS THAT SO?

ONCE I LEAVE, *WHO* WILL CLAIM THE POINTS I HAVE LEFT BEHIND?



WILL YOU TWO FIGHT IN ORDER TO CREATE A VICTOR?
LET ME TELL YOU THIS.. THE AMOUNT OF POINTS I HAVE GATHERED NUMBERS *1,650 POINTS!*

THAT'S OVER 30 PLAYERS WORTH OF POINTS! THAT AMOUNTS TO A FOURTH OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POINTS IN PLAY!!
I PRAY YOU PUT THIS INFORMATION TO GOOD USE...
I SHALL WATCH OVER HOW LONG YOU TWO LAST...
WH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT DO WE DO~? WHY DON'T YOU ASK THAT SMART HEAD OF YOURS?

WELL... AS COMRADES, WE OBVIOUSLY SHOULDN'T FIGHT. BUT JUST LEAVING THE POINTS ALONE IS...
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO DEEPLY. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TAKE OUT THE NEXT PLAYER THAT ENTERS AND GATHER THE POINTS!
BUT IF SEVERAL PLAYERS COME IN AT ONCE, AN UNEXPECTED PLAYER MAY END UP WINNING THE POINTS.
THAT IN ITSELF ISN'T TOO BAD.
OUR TEAM DOESN'T *NEED* TO HAVE AN ASSURDLY HIGH AMOUNT OF POINTS.
AS I SAID BEFORE, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS GATHER 3000 POINTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT "BLOCKING"

IF WE MANAGE THAT, THEN THE AUCTION SHOULD BE DRAGGED OUT AND TAKE A LONG TIME TO FINISH.
ULTIMATELY, OUR GOAL IS TO DRAG OUT THIS AUCTION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE... THE WINNER DOESN'T MATTER.
OF COURSE, THE LONGER WE STAY ALIVE, THE MORE IT'S TO OUR ADVANTAGE..
BUT AS LONG AS WE REACH OUR GOAL, THE METHODS SHOULDN'T MATTER
AOOL...?
AND SPEAKING OF WHICH, I WONDER IF THE OTHERS ARE DOING WELL..
... .?
SOMEONE HAS JUST ENTERED THE CENTRAL HALL.

NOT EVEN TIME TO CATCH OUR BREATH, HUH?
I HAVEN'T SEEN A PERSON COME OUT OF THAT ENTRANCE UP UNTIL NOW...
THEN I BET THAT PLAYER SUBJUGATED THE ENTIRE SIDE BEFORE ENTERING. HE'S PROBABLY NO PUSHOVER.
WELL... YOU'RE PROBABLY CORRECT
NOW, LET'S TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HIS...
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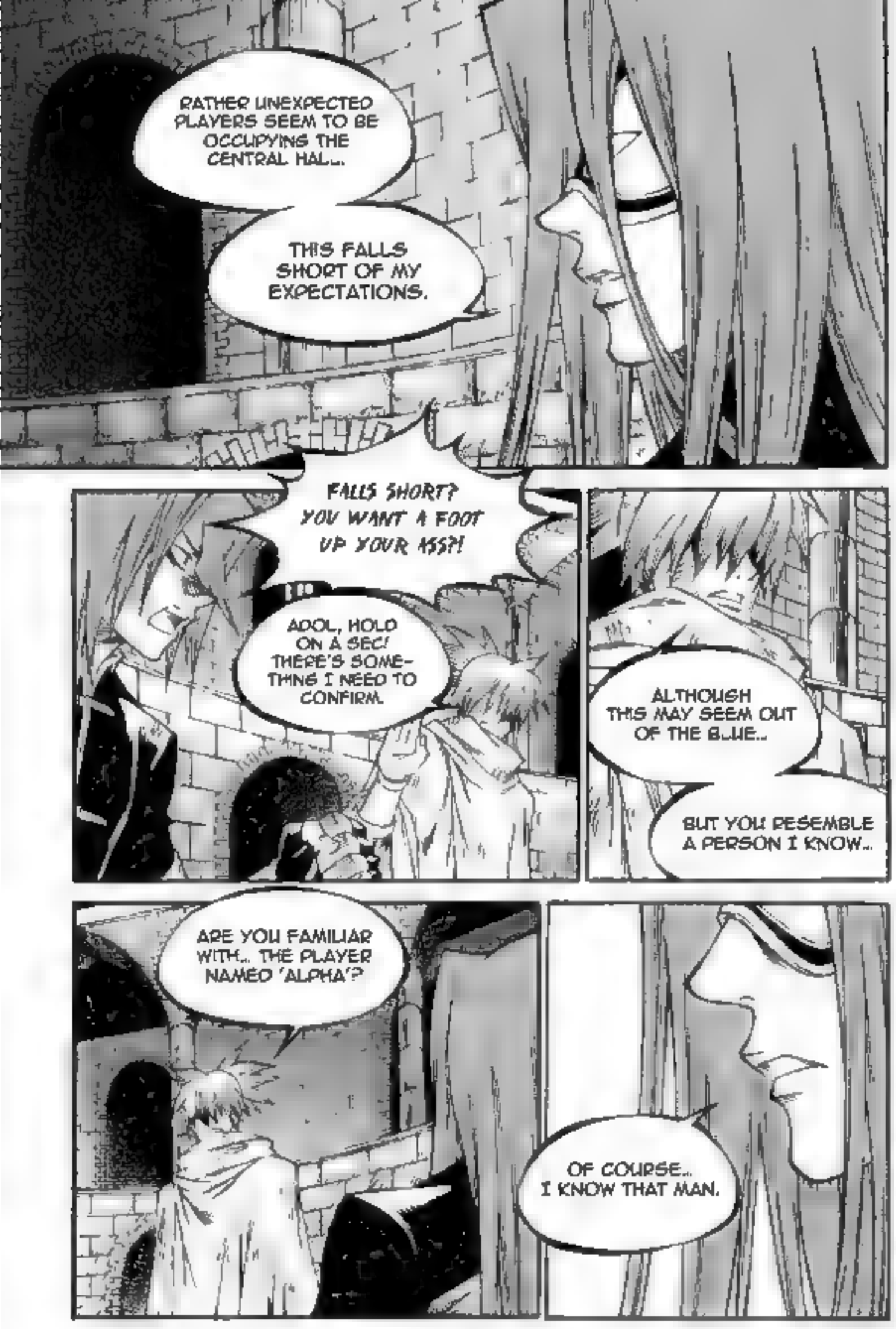
I HAVE A FEELING I'VE SEEN HIM FROM SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH THAT SHODDY DISGUISE!

FINALLY, MY LONG-AWAITED OPPONENT!


RATHER UNEXPECTED PLAYERS SEEM TO BE OCCUPYING THE CENTRAL HALL...
THIS FALLS SHORT OF MY EXPECTATIONS.
FALLS SHORT? YOU WANT A FOOT UP YOUR ASS?!
ADOL, HOLD ON A SEC! THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO CONFIRM.
ALTHOUGH THIS MAY SEEM OUT OF THE BLUE...
BUT YOU RESEMBLE A PERSON I KNOW...
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH... THE PLAYER NAMED 'ALPHA'?
OF COURSE... I KNOW THAT MAN.

HE LONGED TO BE CALLED A NINJA, YET HE COULDN'T BACK UP HIS TITLE AND FAILED.
A NO-GOOD WORTHLESS PIECE OF SCUM!
DON'T YOU *DARE* COMPARE ME TO THAT *FOOL!*
LOOKS LIKE... HE'S NOT ON OUR SIDE.
PFF-
PUHAHA~!
HAHAHA HAHA!
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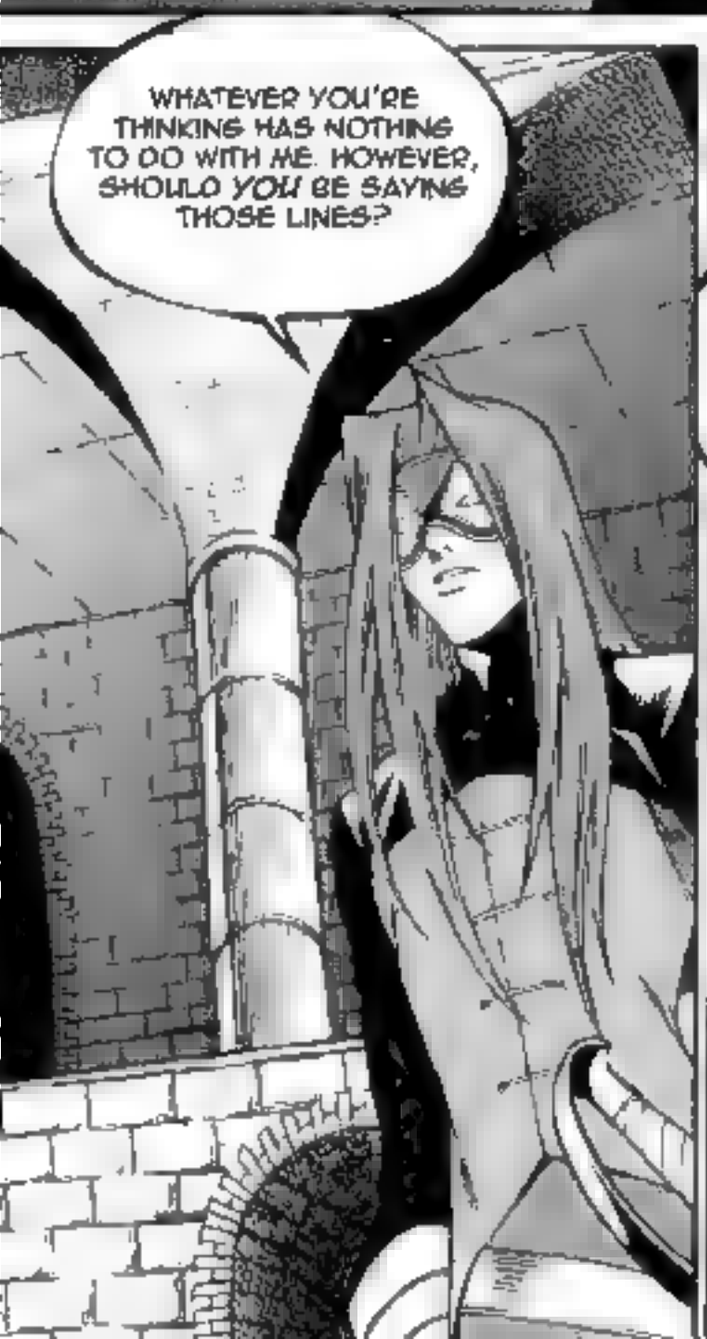
SO YOU ADMIT IT? DO YOU ENJOY INSULTING YOURSELF?
NOTHING YOU SAID IS WRONG, SO IT LEAVES ME NO ROOM TO CONTRADICT YOU. I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU FOR TAKING THE WORDS OUT OF MY MOUTH.


WHATEVER YOU'RE THINKING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME. HOWEVER, SHOULD *YOU* BE SAYING THOSE LINES?

AREN'T *YOU* THE ONE WITH A SEVERE INFERIORITY COMPLEX, THROWING A TANTRUM WHEREVER YOU GO?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, MOCKING PEOPLE IS YOUR SPECIALTY, ISN'T IT?
WHAT?! THIS SON OF A-

YOU'RE MERELY A SCUMBAG THAT INSULTS YOUR OPPONENTS IN ORDER TO FEEL SUPERIOR TO THEM. AM I WRONG?
I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH A MAN CARRYING SUCH LITTLE SELF-CONFIDENCE AS YOU!
DON'T... GET MAD... IF I DO, I'LL BE PLAYING RIGHT INTO HIS HANDS...
ALTHOUGH YOUR WORDS CARRY THORNS, THOSE WERE SOME GOOD WORDS.
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IF YOU DON'T EVEN HOLD ANY EXPECTATION FROM YOUR OPPONENT, THERE IS NO REASON TO FIGHT
IT SEEMS YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER WHY DON'T YOU CAST ASIDE YOUR PERSIS-TENCE AND GO ABOUT THIS A DIFFERENT WAY?
FORGIVE ME IF THIS WAS AN UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION...
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WHO THE HELL'S THIS ASSHOLE PRYING IN MY BUSINESS?
HWAN— A FORMER DRAGON LAND RANKER.. AS AN OPPONENT, HE SHOULD BE QUITE TOUGH...
EK!
JUDGING BY YOUR ATTIRE, YOU APPEAR TO BE A CYBER QUEST 'SWORDSMAN' CLASS.. MAY I INQUIRE A QUESTION?
I WISH TO KNOW IF YOU ARE THE PLAYER ALPHA HAD SPOKEN OF.
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I... I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE MAN WHO GOES BY THE TITLE 'RANGER'?
ALTHOUGH RECENTLY, I HEARD HE GOES BY THE NAME 'DELTA'.
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DELTA? WHILE IT'S A FIRST HEARING THAT NAME, I ASSUME IT'S THE SAME PERSON WHO IS KNOWN AS 'RANGER'
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WHAT A RELIEF... HE APPEARS TO BE A COMRADE.
I DON'T LIKE HIS FACE, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
HAHA...
THESE BASTARDS...!

THE 'RED SATELLITE OMEGA' YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR IS ME!
...!!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH! YOU MAY INSULT ME AS MUCH AS YOU WISH, BUT IF YOU INSULT A WARRIOR I ACKNOWLEDGE, I SHALL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
BUT DO YOU THINK YOU, WHO *LOST* TO THAT MIXED MONGREL ALPHA, STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST *ME*?
OR PERHAPS YOU BELIEVE THAT BY DEFEATING ME, YOU'LL OVERTURN YOUR LOSS AGAINST ALPHA!
BUT WHAT A PITY, EVEN A *HUNDRED* ALPHAS WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT ME.
ALTHOUGH HE'S COVERED BY A MASK, IT SEEMS HE HASN'T REALIZED THEY'RE THE SAME PERSON.
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HEY- OVER HERE, YOU WEAKLING!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SCHEMING BUT THAT GUY'S MY PREY! SCRAM!!!
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STAND THERE SHIVERING IN FRIGHT LIKE A COWARDLY DOG, GO SIT ON THE SIDELINES AND WATCH.
OH- IS THAT HOW IT IS? YOU'RE PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME AREN'T YOU? WANNA FIGHT, HUH?!
BEFORE TELLING ME TO RETREAT FROM YOUR DESIGNATED OPPONENT, YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT SOME MANNERS.
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF BACKING OFF, SO BE GONE!
ENOUGH!
ENOUGH WITH YOUR INCESSANT PRATTLE!

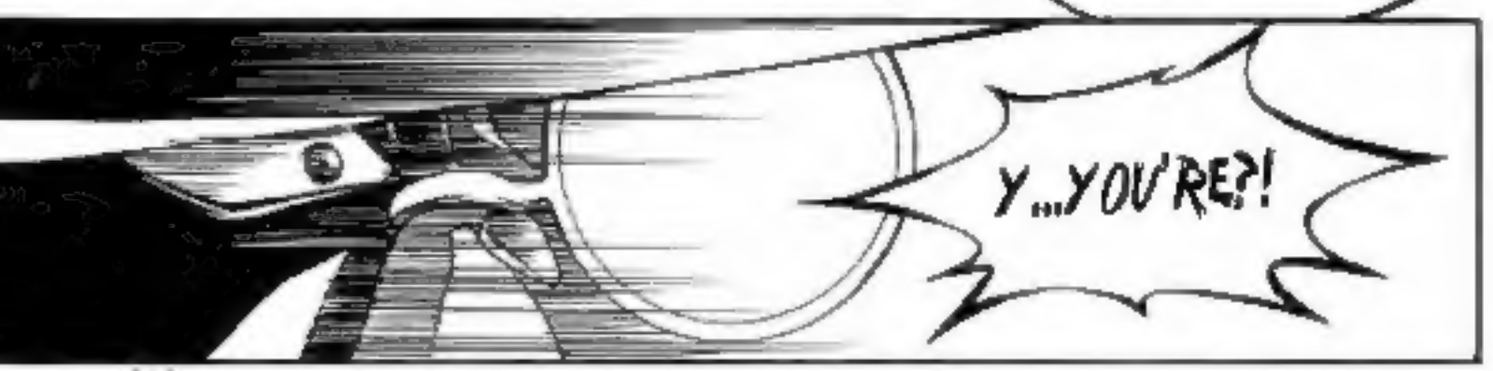
AFTER YOU TWO FIGHT, ARE YOU EXPECTING ME TO TAKE ON THE A WOUNDED VICTOR?
ALTHOUGH THIS ISN'T MY PLACE TO SPEAK, WHEN ONE OF YOU CLAIMS TO HAVE LOST DUE TO YOUR WOUNDS, I WILL SHOW NO MERCY.

I WILL GLADLY TAKE THE *BOTH* OF YOU ON. BUT IF THAT WOUNDS YOUR PRIDE, THEN I'LL BACK OFF.
THE RESULT IS THE SAME EITHER WAY. AT THIS RATE, NEITHER OF YOU WILL BE CONTENT.

ALLOW ME TO MAKE A PROPOSITION.

HE?

THIS IS MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT. I MUST TAKE SOME TIME TO RECOVER...
WHAT A PITIFUL STATE.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATING THIS MEETING, THE STATE YOU'RE IN IS PATHETIC.


Y...YOU'RE?!

DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RUNNING INTO ME?

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ANOTHER CHAPTER OF YUREKA!

SO YEAH. JUST DID IT ON A WHIM.

ALSO, CRUNADE TALKS TOO MUCH.